

# Individual System Impact Studies (Interim Procedures)

## Version 1

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This Individual System Impact Study (SIS) Interim Procedures Business Practice describes the process for a **Customer**<sup>1</sup> to request an individual SIS in lieu of participating in a **Cluster Study**<sup>2</sup>. This procedure will be Interim until it is re-evaluated as a part of the development of the next **Network Open Season (NOS)**<sup>3</sup>. Refer to [Network Open Season and Generator Interconnection Reform](#) for information specific to how Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Transmission Services will process NOS requests.

### A. Background

Section 17.5 of BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) provides that if BPA Transmission Services determines that a SIS is needed to evaluate the impact of a Customer's Application (e.g. no **ATC**<sup>4</sup> is available), it will notify the Customer that such a study is needed pursuant to Section 19.1 or Section 19.10 to evaluate such impact. Section 17.5 further provides that if BPA Transmission Services notifies the Customer that it will perform a Cluster Study under section 19.10, the Customer may request in writing to be studied individually (under section 19.1) rather than in a Cluster Study.

### B. Process for Requesting an Individual SIS

1. After BPA Transmission Services notifies the Customer that a SIS is needed to evaluate the impact of the **TSR**<sup>5</sup> and that BPA Transmission Services will perform a Cluster Study, the Customer may request in writing for a TSR to be studied individually pursuant to section 19.1 of the OATT rather than in a Cluster Study. The Customer may make this written request at any time prior to the posting of the **OASIS**<sup>6</sup> notice described in section 19.10(i) of the OATT. BPA Transmission

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<sup>1</sup>Any customer taking service under Use of Facilities (UFT), Formula Power Transmission (FPT), Integration of Resources (IR), Part II or Part III of the OATT.

<sup>2</sup>A process for studying a group of Transmission Service Requests (TSRs) in the aggregate. A Cluster Study may be used for a System Impact Study (SIS), System Facilities Study (SFS) environmental review, or other study or analysis that is necessary to determine system modifications needed to provide service.

<sup>3</sup>The process by which Transmission Services desires to contractually and financially secure a Long-Term Firm commitment from customers with Eligible TSRs to purchase Long-Term Firm Transmission Service.

<sup>4</sup>Available Transfer Capability

<sup>5</sup>Transmission Service Request

<sup>6</sup>Open Access Same-Time Information System

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- Services will provide reasonable advance notice of the posting of the OASIS notice.
2. BPA Transmission Services encourages Customers to contact their Transmission Services Account Executive prior to requesting that a Transmission Service Request (TSR) be studied individually to discuss the procedures and the data requirements.
  3. A written request to be studied individually must be sent to the BPA Transmission Services Account Executive for the Customer and may be submitted via email. The written request must identify the TSR(s) the Customer is requesting to be studied individually. The written request must also include a completed [NT Data Exhibit](#) or [PTP Data Exhibit](#).
  4. Once BPA Transmission Services receives the written request, including the completed [NT Data Exhibit](#) or [PTP Data Exhibit](#), it will review request and the accompanying exhibit to ensure that they are complete and contain all the information required to perform a SIS.
  5. If the written request and [NT Data Exhibit](#) or [PTP Data Exhibit](#) provide the required information, BPA Transmission Services will tender the Customer a SIS Agreement pursuant to section 19.1 of the OATT. The Customer's execution of the SIS Agreement, BPA Transmission Services' performance of the SIS, and any subsequent processes, including a System Facilities Study, if necessary, will continue to be governed by Section 19 of the OATT.
  6. If the written request and [NT Data Exhibit](#) or [PTP Data Exhibit](#) do not provide the required information, BPA Transmission Services will notify the Customer that it is unable to tender a SIS Agreement based on the information provided. If the Customer subsequently submits a written request and completed Data Exhibit that provide the required information prior to the posting of the OASIS notice described in section 19.10 (i) of the OATT, BPA Transmission Services will tender the Customer a SIS Agreement. If the Customer does not submit a written request and completed Data Exhibit that provide the required information prior to the posting of the OASIS notice, the TSR will be considered for inclusion in the next Cluster Study.



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## C. Additional Information

### Policy References

- [OATT](#) Sections 17.5, 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4

### Forms

- [NT Data Exhibit](#)
- [PTP Data Exhibit](#)

### Version History

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